

MWAQC Technical Advisory Committee 1-Page Summary of Policy-Relevant Issues September 16, 2005

Key policy-relevant issues discussed at the September 16 TAC meeting are summarized below.

SIP Development Update

- Virginia DEQ should complete ozone modeling results based on 2002 base year and 2009 inventories by December. Draft inventories are still being revised, in particular for the mobile and stationary sources.
- The control measures workgroup continues to develop a list of potential control measures. Selection of measures will depend on the need for additional emission reductions beyond those obtained from existing on-the-books or on-the-way controls.
- Proposed amendments to the MWAQC scope of work will add 3 tasks for handling PM_{2.5} SIP development work. There will be no increase in the budget for adding these tasks.

Air Quality Trends

- There were no exceedances of the one-hour standard in 2005. The maximum one-hour ozone concentration was 119 ppb on August 11 at the Prince George's Equestrian Center monitor.
- There have been 19 exceedances of the 8-hour ozone standard in 2005. The maximum 8-hour ozone concentration was 100 ppb on July 12, 2005 at the Rockville monitor.

Conformity

- TPB released for public comment a draft 8-hour ozone conformity analysis for the 2005 CLRP and 2006-2011 TIP. The determination indicates that emissions from the proposed transportation plan will be below the interim budgets set for 2010.
- The draft PM_{2.5} conformity determination will be completed in the Fall 2005 as a supplement to the 8-hour analysis.
- The Conformity Subcommittee approved a draft comment letter on the draft 8-hour ozone conformity results for MWAQC action.

SAFETEA-LU and CMAQ

- Recent legislation has expanded authorization for States to use CMAQ funds to reduce emissions from non-road diesel equipment. COG DTP may initiate a study to develop non-road diesel equipment inventories.
- Policy guidance is required on how any associated emission reductions will be credited.

Potomac River Power Plant

- The Potomac River Power plant was shutdown after air modeling results indicated potential NAAQS violations due to downwash. The plant owner, Mirant, gave a report on the status of the plant.